

REMARKS

Claims 2-4, 6-11, 13-31, 47, 48, and 52-87 were pending in the application. By this paper, claims 2-4, 6-11, 13, 16, 18-24, 26, 28, 52-54, 56 and 57 have been elected, and claims 14, 15, 17, 25, 27, 29-31, 47, 48, 55, and 58-87 have been withdrawn. Thus, claims 2-4, 6-11, 13, 16, 18-24, 26, 28, 52-54, 56, and 57 are now pending. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the various rejections are hereby respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

Response to 35 U.S.C. 112 Rejection

To overcome the rejection of claims 2-4, 6-11, 13-31, 47-48, and 52-87 under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph for undue multiplicity, and pursuant to the Examiner's instructions, Applicants have elected five independent claims and twenty dependent claims for prosecution. Specifically, independent claims 3, 7, 13, 22, and 56, and dependent claims 2, 4, 6, 8-11, 16, 18-21, 23, 24, 26, 28, 52-54, and 57 have been elected. Thus, Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of this rejection and allowance of all pending claims 2-4, 6-11, 13, 16, 18-24, 26, 28, 52-54, 56, and 57.

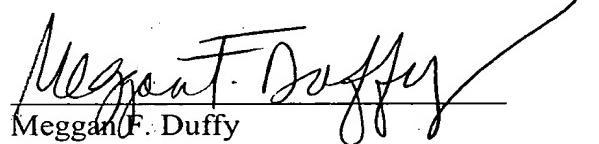
Conclusion

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of claims 2-4, 6-11, 13, 16, 18-24, 26, 28, 52-54, 56, and 57.

A petition for a five-month extension of time and the appropriate fee accompany this paper. The Director's designee is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or to credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 13-2855 of the undersigned's firm.

If there are any matters that can be discussed by telephone to further the prosecution of this application, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner call the attorney at the number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,



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